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SUBJ: VISIT TO WASHINGTON OF HUGUES DE L'ESTOILE,
FRENCH DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR INDUSTRY

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1. WE HAVE NOW BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN DETAILS REGARDING DE L'ESTOILE'S JUNE TRIP FROM JACK CIZAIN IN ESPER'S OFFICE. SECOND WEEK OF JUNE HAS PROVED IMPOSSIBLE, AND DE L'ESTOILE, ESPER AND CIZAIN PLANNING ARRIVE WASHINGTON ON TUESDAY, JUNE 21. THEY HOPE BE ABLE HAVE APPOINTMENTS WITH APPROPRIATE USG OFFICIALS ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, JUNE 22-23. PARTY WILL BE IN NEW YORK FRIDAY, JUNE 24, FOR MEETINGS WITH FRENCH AND U.S. BUSINESSMEN.

2. DE L'ESTOILE MOST APPRECIATIVE COMMERCE UNDER SECRETARY HARMAN'S WILLINGNESS RECEIVE HIM AND HOST LUNCHEON FOR HIM. HE LOOKS FORWARD MEETING WITH HARMAN AND WOULD ALSO LIKE MEET WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY
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CHRISTOPHER AND UNDER SECRETARY COOPER IF POSSIBLE. NO OTHER SPECIFIC APPOINTMENTS WERE REQUESTED AT THIS TIME.

3. SUBJECTS WHICH DE L'ESTOILE WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

A. FRENCH AND U.S. INDUSTRIAL POLICY.

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B. BILATERAL INDUSTRIAL AND TRADE POLICY QUESTIONS.
C. FRENCH INVESTMENT IN THE U.S. AND U.S. INVESTMENT IN FRANCE.
D. MTN.
E. MULTIFIBER AGREEMENT.
F. TOUR D'HORIZON OF WORLDWIDE STEEL INDUSTRY PROBLEM.
G. FUTURE OF AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY.
H. NUCLEAR ENERGY INDUSTRY.

4. ESPER WILL BE ACCOMPANYING MINISTER ROSSI ON HIS MAY VISIT TO WASHINGTON AND WILL USE OCCASION TO FIRM UP DETAILS OF DE L'ESTOILE'S TRIP.

5. DURING ROSSI TRIP, ESPER WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH U.S. OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS:

A. NUCLEAR ENERGY POLICY AND
B. EXPECTED IMPACT OF PROPOSED MEASURES TO CONSERVE GASOLINE.

ESPER WILL BE AVAILABLE MORNING OF MONDAY, MAY 2, AND AFTERNOON OF TUESDAY, MAY 3, FOR APPOINTMENTS. ACTION REQUEST: ESPER WOULD LIKE TO KNOW EARLY WEEK OF APRIL 25 NAMES OF USG OFFICIALS WHO WILL MEET WITH HIM TO DISCUSS TWO TOPICS NOTED ABOVE.

6. EMBASSY'S VIEWS AND RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING AGENDA FOR DE L'ESTOILE'S JUNE VISIT TO FOLLOW.
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